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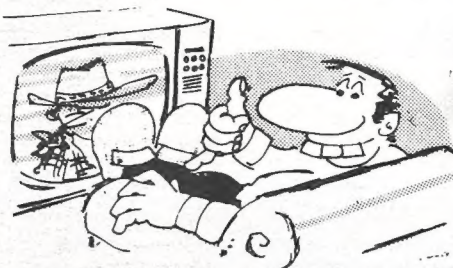
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EDITORIAL

IT IS tragic to think that this could be the last programme of Wigan Athletic A.F.C. and I appeal to everyone to make sure this disaster does not happen. Since we entered League Football some five years ago mistakes have been made — not just by the present Chairman and his Board, but by all and sundry. It doesn't help by removing a whole body of men; as sure enough others will probably make further mistakes.

From now on the past has got to be forgotten — the same mistakes will not be made twice, and I am sure that the present Board with, maybe, an addition of three Wigan men could function to the complete satisfaction of all concerned in a democratic manner.

No-one knows more than the Chairman that he and his Board have made mistakes — but what Club hasn't? Nearly every League Club is in financial difficulties and wishing they could turn back the clock.

A lot of money was spent during the season paying off players surplus to requirements, signed before the present Chairman took over, further money was spent to gain promotion to

Division Three. Against all this expense gates have not been anything like expected. I could go on and on giving explanations as to the cause of the present crisis, but what's the use!

Once again I appeal to every member of the soccer loving public to forget personalities and what has happened in the past — only one thing matters now, that is the survival of Wigan Athletic.

You can help by donating to the present Lifeline Appeal fund and encourage everyone to pull together — United we stand — but Dividend we fall.

I have been with this Club from the start — being Secretary of the steering committee in 1931 — I have had many happy hours for which I shall be eternally grateful. I have also weathered some storms. Yes! Even perhaps as serious as the present situation, but they have all been overridden, as I am sure they will be now. I should hate to be alive to see the day that football was lost forever in Wigan.

Sincerely,

Jack Farrimond, Vice President.

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Further to my comments in the previous programme, I would like to express on behalf of the COMMERCIAL DEPARTMENT, our thanks to all who have responded so MAGNIFICENTLY, by buying our lottery tickets and ask them to buy an extra ticket each week, or failing this to persuade their friends, neighbours, work mates or anyone who can contribute, to SWELL the COFFERS at SPRINGFIELD PARK. As this is the last match of the season, let us make it a RED LETTER DAY in the hope that we can SAVE THE CLUB, and let us hope the team can respond in no uncertain way, enjoy the game, and also the summer break, whilst looking forward to next season with determination and enthusiasm.

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Bill Brown.

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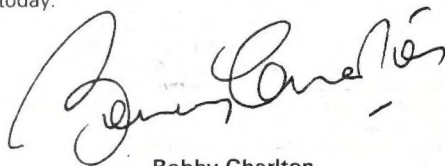
GOOD afternoon and welcome to our last game of what has been an eventful season to say the least. With the fear of relegation behind both teams we should be able to enjoy an excellent game of football.

The most impressive feature about the Club over the past six weeks has been the way in which the players have responded to the pressure put on them. Their behaviour and application has been exemplary. They have repeatedly come back off the ropes after being behind, got themselves together and fought back. Managers can only try and motivate players, the real motivation comes from within themselves and the determination and fighting spirit they have shown has been a credit to the town of Wigan. I don't believe in a lot of training at this stage of the season because that can make the players mentally stale. The lads have shown that they are certainly alert and their performance in the second half at Huddersfield must rank amongst the best ever by a Latics team. In my short time in charge they have shown me what a fine set of hard working and disciplined players they are and I am proud of them.

On this, the last day of the season, I must give my thanks to the staff off the field who have shown the same kind of fighting spirit in these most difficult weeks as the players have. Harry McNally has done an outstanding job, especially

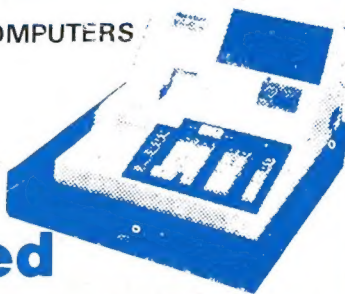
as I have not been able to be at the ground as much as I would have liked. Ably assisted by his team of Kenny Banks, Duncan Colquhoun, Mick Clarke, David Crompton and David May he has done a fine job not only with the first team, but with the reserves and our juniors who keep providing such fine young players. In the office, Colin Burke and his staff have just kept on through all the adversity and flack, with the Commercial Department under Ken Wood continuing to increase their contributions to the Club. Billy Mitchell and his grandson Philip have yet again provided us with a splendid playing surface despite the weather which has ruined plenty of pitches in the League. All of these people, along with Irene and Tommy who keep the lads in fine spirits, make up a great set of staff which we must all be grateful to.

I hope we all enjoy the match and nothing will give me greater pleasure than beating Preston today.



Bobby Charlton.

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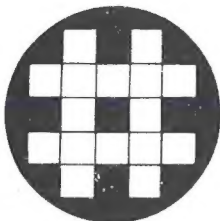
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PUZZLE PAGE

Answers on page 10.



ON THE BALL No. 26

Every answer has five letters and the first one fits into the top line, but you have to decide where the rest must go.

He twice managed Halifax; --- Stadium, home of Cambridge; --- Batch; Showers or Spence.

CLUB CLUE No. 26

Solve this cryptic clue to identify a famous foreign club:

It sounds like the score from Holland!

MIXED DOUBLES No. 26

Re-order the letters in each of the words

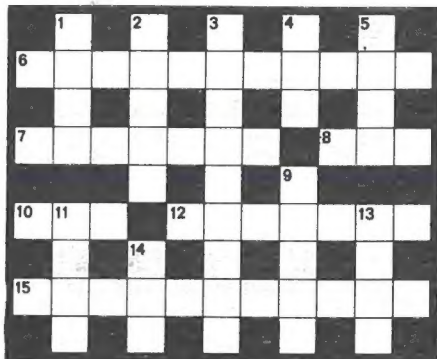
ROMAN and HATED to find the names of two men called Steve.

QUICK QUIZ No. 26

- Which club has its ground adjacent to the BBC Television Centre?
- Two clubs have had 13-0 League wins — Newcastle are one, who are the other?
- They **were** "The Fisherman" ... but what are they now?
- Which country won the World Cup by beating Brazil in Rio in what was effectively the final?
- San Antonio Thunder became Team Hawaii which, in turn, became what?

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SOCCER NINETY-NINER

No. 26 (compiled by Dave Peck)

ACROSS

- Club which has appeared in FA Cup finals against Liverpool, Chelsea, Arsenal and Sunderland (5,6)
- One who carries on working to score (7)
- The main colour at Millmoor (3)
- See 14 down
- He began his managerial career at Hartlepool in the early 1970s and his several postings since then have included Sheffield Wednesday and Newport (7)
- Winger who started with Celtic in 1960 and netted their 5000th League goal — he later had a good run with Ipswich and finished with a few games for Halifax (5,6)

DOWN

- A former England 'keeper in cowboy country? (4)
- Defender --- Spearritt was with Ipswich, Brighton, Carlisle and Gillingham (5)
- Miracle men when they come off the bench (9)
- Full-back brother of **15 across** — he, too, served Celtic, plus Coventry and Scotland (3)
- Ferenc ---, star forward (and later captain) of Hungary in the 1960s and 1970s (4)
- Club where Malcolm Macdonald established himself as a high-scoring centre-forward (5)
- Derby's boss before Clough (4)
- He succeeded Oakes as manager of Chester in 1982 but was himself succeeded before 1983 (4)
- & 10ac.** A quick, short-passing movement (3-3)

PRESTON N



PRESTON NORTH END — SEASON 1982/83

Back Row: (Left to right) Don O'Riordan (Captain), Jonathan Clark, Steve Elliott, Peter I. Campbell, Willie Naughton, Mike Farrelly, Tommy Booth. **Centre Row:** Geoff Nulty (A), Harry Hubbick (Kit Man), Andy McAteer, Simon Westwell, Mark Walsh, Alex Bruce, Go. Gary Hough, Neil Hanson, Dennis Loze (Physio), Alan Kelly (Reserve Team Manager), Graham Houston, Chris Hunter, Gary Buckley, Gordon Lee (Manager), Peter Saver, Gra. Kelly.

NORTH END



Litchfield, Glen
Asst. Manager),
Gordon Coleman,
(r). **Front Row:**
Graham Bell, John

Preston N.E., our visitors today, are one of the oldest Clubs in the Football League — being original members of the League in 1888.

They have won the F.A. Cup on two occasions and been runners-up several times. They were First Division Champions in 1888 - 89 — the first season the Football League operated. Over the years they have had in their team some well known players — such as Jimmy Milne, Bill Shankley, Tommy Docherty, George Mutch and the great Tom Finney who is now their President.

Their ground, known as Deepdale, has a capacity of 26,000, the pitch measures 112 yds. x 78 yds. They are nicknamed — The Lillywhites.

ANDY McATEER (Defender) Born Preston, joined North End as an associate schoolboy and signed as an apprentice in May 1977 turning professional April 1979 and made his League debut the following December.

DON O'RIORDAN (Defender) Born Dublin. Joined Derby as an apprentice in 1972 turning professional three years later. Left Derby for Tulsa Roughnecks in the North American League in March 1978 and North End paid £30,000 for his services seven months later. Has represented Eire at youth and U/21 level.

TOMMY BOOTH (Defender) Born Manchester. Joined Manchester City straight from school and made his League debut in October, 1968, a year later turning professional. Won U/23 honours for England and made nearly 400 First Division appearances. Joined Preston last October for a £30,000 fee.

WILLIE NAUGHTON (Winger) Born Catrine, Ayr. Signed for Preston as an apprentice in January 1979 after being recommended while playing local football in Nuneaton, Warwickshire. Turned professional in March

1980 and made his League debut at Wrexham on New Years Day 1980 while still an apprentice. Scored his first goals when he netted twice against QPR in November 1980 in a 3-2 win.

GRAHAM HOUSTON (Forward) Born in Gibraltar while his father was serving there. Joined North End after having trails for Bolton and having played as an amateur in the Preston area.

STEVE ELLIOTT (Forward) Born Haltwhistle, Northumberland. Joined Nottingham Forest as an apprentice in July 1975 turning professional in September 1976. Made his League debut against Coventry City in August, 1978, but made only three more appearances in Forest's first team. Was non-playing substitute in the 1978 Football League Cup Final replay. Signed for North End in March 1979 for £95,000 making his League debut later the same season.

GRAHAM BELL (Midfield) Born Oldham. Joined Oldham Athletic as a professional from local amateur club Chadderton F.C. in 1973. Made his League debut in August, 1975, against Bristol City and went on to complete over 150 appearances for Oldham before signing for Preston in March, 1979 for a fee of £80,000. Has represented England at amateur youth level and is the son of former long serving Oldham player Tommy Bell.

CHRIS HUNTER (Forward) Born in Hong Kong while father was serving there. Signed as a professional last year after playing in the Leyland area.

NEIL HANSON (Defender) Born Blackburn. Signed professional last year after being on Bolton's books.

PETER SAYER (Forward or Midfield). Born Cardiff. Started career with Cardiff before moving to Brighton and then Preston in large transfer deals. Welsh International.

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It's been a great year for Junior Latics in the sporting field. Both netball teams having won competitions, as have our two soccer teams. The Coca Cola has provided top class coaching for boys of all age groups. All in all, a very pleasing season. Let's hope it's not our last one.

But it's not quite over, because on Wednesday next we are holding a special presentation night at our other home, Intex Sports and Social Club in Golborne, tickets £1 each, and then on Tuesday, 24th May, we hold our Annual General Meeting, when all adults are welcome to come along to the Supporters' Club and have their say in how Junior Latics is run.

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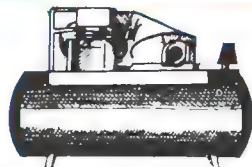
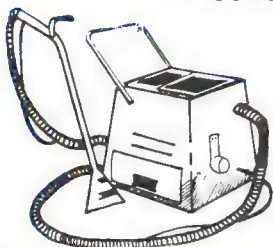
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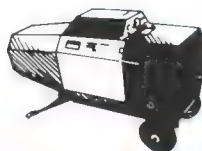
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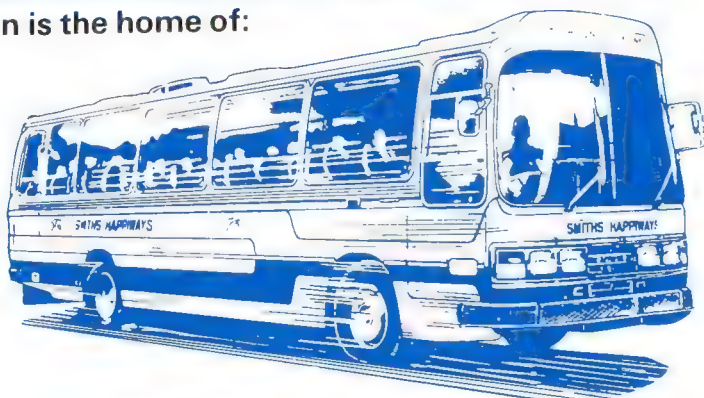


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Many thanks to Lynda and John Fillingham and all their helpers for running Junior Latics. From Neil Sherratt.

Birthday wishes to Phyllis Hesketh and a belated Birthday wish to Neil Hesketh. From Mum, Dad and Darren.

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